We the Subscribers, being a Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of the Town of Medway at a Meeting of s^d Inhabitants on the 18^th of May 1778 — to take in consideration the Constitution & form of Government agreed upon by the Convention of the State of the Massachusetts-Bay. Feb^ry y^e 28^th. 1778 — & to make Report to s^d Town at the Adjournment of s^d Meeting viz on the first Day of June 1778. — & after having divested our Selves of Singularity, Popularity & Captiousness & duly considered s^d Constitution & form of Government, & being called upon, either to Approve or to Disapprove of the same, we do now Report as follows, viz. that it is the Opinion of this Committee to Disapprove of s^d Constitution & form of Government & in the mean time we take Liberty to point out the Reasons of our disapprob=ation thereof — which are as follows viz. a Constitution & form of Government being a Matter of the utmost importance to the present & future Generations, & the Constitution of our State, having Agreed upon one, which (in our Opinion) is very deficient, in that there is an entire omission of one very essential Branch, viz. a Declaration of a Bill of Rights. — It also imposeth upon the People Needless & unnecessary Elections, as in the 2 & 3. Articles, respecting a Governor & Lieu^t. Governor & so in every Succeeding Article, so far forth as they have relation to or respect a Governor & Lieu^t. Governor. — It infringeth upon Liberty it self, as in the 5^th. Article. — It injoineth things Needless, unreasonable & absurd as in the 10^th & 11^th Articles. — It bestoweth too much Power to the General Court & to the Senate, as in the 13^th & 14^th Articles. It assigneth an improper Declaration as in the 30^th & 31^st. Articles. & finally it adopteth Laws that in themselves are too Binding & that admit of but one Register of Deeds & but one Probate of Wills in a County & of Laws that are inconsistent with a Declaration of a Bill of Rights — thereby depriving the People of many Natural, Inherent Priviledges in General & of Liberty it self in particular, the main point of our Ambition & the grand object in our View, as in the 32^d Article. — all which are Submitted to your better Judgments.

Daniel Pond in the Name of the Comm^tee aforesaid

Medway June y^e 1^st. 1778.

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